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MEXICO CITY FOR REGIONAL FISHERIES ATTACHE

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TAGS: SENV, CI

SUBJ: CHILEAN PLAN TO CATCH WHALES

REF: STATE 183596

1. THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL POLITICAL MATTERS OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS (MFR) CONFIRMED THAT GOC WAS CONSIDERING APPROVAL OF A COMMERCIAL OPERATION WHICH WOULD ALLOW THE KILLING OF 1,500 WHALES IN NEXT THREE YEARS. THE OFFICIAL WHO GAVE PRELIMINARY APPROVAL AND ANNOUNCED THE PLAN WAS THE SUB-SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

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FINAL GOC APPROVAL IS STILL PENDING FURTHER STUDY OF THE PROPOSAL BY MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE. MFA OFFICIAL WOULD NOT VENTURE GUESS AS TO PROPOSAL'S CHANCE FOR APPROVAL.

2. THE "PRIVATE COMPANY IN TALCAHUANO" REFERRED IN REFTTEL IS MACAYA BROTHERS, CHILE'S ONLY WHALING FIRM. MACAYA BROTHERS HAS THREE ANCIENT WHALING SHIPS, ONLY ONE OF WHICH WAS OPERABLE DURING THE PAST YEAR. THE MAXIMUM CATCH FOR THIS COMPANY IN RECENT YEARS WAS 428 IN 1968. AS EQUIPMENT HAS DETERIORATED, THE YEARLY CATCH DIMINISHED TO 70 IN 1976. SINCE PRESENT EQUIPMENT DOES NOT PERMIT A

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HIGH WHALE CATCH, THE PLAN CALLS FOR LEASING OF MORE MODERN JAPANESE EQUIPMNT.

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